

OUR CONSULAR SERVICE.

The House Continues to Discuss the Diplomatic Appropriation Bill.

A Number of Amendments Believed to be Necessary Are Offered.

The Democratic Members Refuse to Entertain Them and They Are Voted Down.

The Senate Proposes to Investigate the Causes of the Panic.

THE HOUSE.

The consular and diplomatic appropriation bill was again under consideration in the house yesterday.

Mr. Pitt moved to amend by restoring to \$12,000 the salaries of ministers to Austria and Italy. The bill reduces them to \$10,000. He represented the importance of the mission to Vienna, and criticized the bill for the propositions which it contained.

Mr. Kasson described the manner in which the several grades of salaries had been established, and protested against the committee on appropriations attempting to change these grades without serious consideration. It was dangerous to deal hastily with this question without the full information.

Mr. Biscoe referred to the growing importance of the government of Italy, and asserted that a reduction of salary of the minister at Rome would be unwise.

Mr. Blount, of Georgia, opposed the amendment, expressing his indifference as to whether or not the whole diplomatic system were abolished.

Mr. Blodget proposed a reduction as a whole, rather than by grade or rank.

Mr. Dersheimer was opposed to the reduction of the salaries of officers in the diplomatic service, and particularly opposed to making a diminution in the salaries of ministers to Austria and Italy and to the mission to China, Spain, and Mexico.

Mr. O'Neil declared that owing to the small salaries paid to ministers and consul they were compelled to make reductions of the amount of money which they were authorized, and in some cases it was almost impossible for an American citizen to live on what one of the party might divide.

Mr. Reed based his opposition to the bill on the ground that it increased the number of offices which must be filled by wealthy men.

Mr. Blount appealed to the democratic members not to divide on this question, and regretted the action of Mr. Pitt. Mr. Newell, of New York, Mr. Dersheimer had joined with gentlemen on the other side in lecturing the democratic party and attempting to defeat the committee on appropriations in their efforts to bring about a reduction of the salaries of all grades.

Mr. Dersheimer was in favor of increasing the efficiency of the consular service.

Mr. Holman, of Indiana, appealed to the party fealty to the president, and supported the amendment.

Mr. Dersheimer suggested the appeal to very Fealty might have been better made when the house was considering a bill which would reduce the taxation \$36,000,000 than when it was debating a proposition to reduce salaries two-and-a-half per cent.

Mr. Curtis replied that he did not propose to be lectured for his vote by the gentleman from New York and his man. He would answer to his constituents for it.

Mr. Reed also defended his vote on the tariff bill. He was not in favor of high taxation, but he was opposed to whatever was unkindly to the American people.

The amendment was lost—year 70, nays 75.

Amendments were offered as follows:

By Mr. Pitt, of Illinois: For a mission to Roumania, Turkey, and Armenia.

Also, increasing the salaries of secretaries of legation in China and Japan from \$1,500 (as provided in the bill) to \$2,500. Rejected.

Also, to strike out the provision against extra compensation to secretaries of legation acting as chargés d'affaires, and to appropriate \$20,000 for such compensation.

By Mr. Lyman: To increase the salaries of secretaries of legation at London, Paris, Berlin, from \$1,500 (as provided in the bill) to \$2,000. Rejected.

Also, to continue the office of diplomatic agent and consul general at Cairo, for which no appropriation is made in the bill. Rejected.

By Mr. Pitt, of Illinois: To continue the present salaries of consul general at Melbourne and Montreal (\$4,500 and \$4,000), instead of those provided in the bill (\$4,000 and \$3,500). Rejected.

Also, to appropriate \$1,000 for the consul at Honolulu.

Also, to increase the appropriation for consular clerk from \$7,000 to \$9,500 (the amount appropriated for the present year). Rejected.

Also, to appropriate \$1,000 for the consul general in South Carolina, for which no appropriation is made in the bill to 19,000 (the amount appropriated for the current year). Rejected.

Also, to appropriate for contingent expenses of the consular and diplomatic service, in explanation of the amendment Mr. Cannon stated that no provision was made in the bill for postage, telegraph, etc., the employment of express, and the gathering of intelligence, for which \$5,000 was appropriated for the current year; and that the failure to make such provision would strike a blow at the whole consular system.

As there was no quorum voting on the amendment, Mr. Cannon raised the point of "no journal."

The committee, therefore, rose.

VISITORS TO WEST POINT.

The greater announced the following as visitors to the annual exercises at the Point: Major Fosters, Beach and Henderson of Illinois, and he following as visitors to Annapolis: Messrs. Fox of New York, Evans of South Carolina, and so on.

ANOTHER SOLDIERS' HOME.

Mr. Laird, from the committee on military affairs, reported a bill authorizing the location of a national soldiers' home in Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, and so on.

THE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILROAD.

On motion of J. S. Wise, a bill was passed authorizing the extension of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad to a point on the military lands at Fortress Monroe, Va.

THE SENATE.

The time of the annual meeting was mostly occupied in discussing the house bill relating to the Farnie's Exposition company of New Orleans, and \$1,000,000. Mr. Sewell moved an amendment making the loan only \$500,000. This was opposed by Messrs. Cockrell, Flumb, Garland, Hixson, Miller of Florida, Allison, and Blair.

Mr. Sewell's amendment was not agreed to, and the bill was passed substantially as it came from the house, the amount remaining at \$1,000,000.

[The bill, with the senate amendment so far as alegria is to protect the government, was subsequently passed by the house.]

CASES OF TROPICAL DISEASE.

A resolution was offered by Mr. Morgan, which under the rule was overruled, directing the committee on finance to examine into the causes of the failures of such of the national banks in the city of New York as have suspended business in the last year, and to report to the senate what steps to take, and what extent might be taken to prevent a repetition of such failures.

Each giving certificates upon draft or their acceptances of bills of exchange, or in other mercantile paper drawn upon them, directly or indirectly in evasion or in violation of the law, and whether any of the national banks in New York city have been engaged since July 12, 1852, in giving or receiving bills of exchange, either in their conduct, and that the committee have power to sit during the sessions of the senate, to visit the city of New York, to send for persons or papers, and to make such investigation as they may see fit.

Mr. Morgan introduced a bill, which was referred to the committee on finance, to prevent speculation on the part of national banking associations.

OUR BOUNDARY LINE WITH MEXICO.

The bill was said to have the senate a message from the president recommending an appropriation to enable the government to execute the provisions of the convention between the United States and Mexico relating to the boundary line between the two countries.

CONFIRMATIONS.

The senate in executive session yesterday confirmed the following nominations:

Peter W. Stalberg, of Taylor's Falls, Minn., to be collector of public moneys at Taylor's Falls.

John H. Bowman, of Gunnison, Col., to be agent for the Indians of the Navajo agency in New Mexico.

Wm. A. Price, of Oneonta, N. Y., to be Indian agent.

T. McV. Peifer, of Seaside, Ore., to be consul of the United States at Oregon City.

Indians, Walpole, of Buffalo, N. Y., to be consul of the United States at Albany.

Prestonster—John P. Ordway, of Bolton, Conn.; Edwin Price, Grand Junction, Colo.; John W. Seman, Lawrence, Conn.; James C. H. White, Corpus Christi, Tex., and Wm. E. Blunt, Havrehill, Mass.

The nomination of Wm. H. Wheeler, to be internal revenue collector, fifth district of North Carolina, was laid up, and Senator Beck made a speech in opposition to his confirmation. The bill was voted without action.

Mr. T. H. Wheeler, druggist, Binghamton, N. Y., said he had a large quantity of St. John's wort, the great German remedy, and thinks it is the best cure for rheumatism he has ever seen.

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